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Cynthia A. Brown
Chief, Section on Administration
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: FD 35559, Saratoga & North Creek Railroad LLC, Operation Exemption, File #231173

Dear Ms. Brown:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my strong support for the pending application of the Saratoga and North Creek Railroad to initiate freight service to Tahawus.

The rail line from North Creek to Tahawus has been purposely retained throughout the years as an economic development asset, with the eventual restoration specifically in mind. This would allow for access to the former mine operations at Tahawus, as well as the movement of materials there to new markets by other means than a truck. In turn, this will facilitate the creation of much-needed employment in this highly distressed and remote area of New York. It would also tap the use of rail as a "greener" form of transportation for freight (as opposed to trucks), complete the restoration of this historic and strategic infrastructure, and further bolster the sustainability of the entire short line.

The preservation and rehabilitation of all remaining rail infrastructure within the Adirondack Park is a key strategy within the North Country Regional Economic Development Plan.

Please give the Saratoga and North Creek Railroad application all possible consideration. I appreciate your kind attention to my thoughts.

Sincerely,

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**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

FD 35559


**SARATOGA AND NORTH CREEK RAILWAY, LLC
—OPERATION EXEMPTION—
TAHAWUS LINE**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I mailed a copy of the following support letters submitted on behalf of Saratoga And North Creek Railway, LLC, in the above-captioned proceeding by first class United States Mail and/or electronic transmission to all parties on the Board's service list on or before January 10, 2012:

The Town of Newcomb, NY
North County Chamber of Commerce
New York State Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little
New York State Assemblywoman Teresa R. Sayward

Dated January 10, 2012.


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